

A MINORITY REPORT concerning Committee Report No. EB-1 in which the Committee on the Executive Branch voted 11-9 not to provide for the office of an elected Attorney General in the Constitution.

THE PRESIDENT: Minority Report EB-1(D) will be received and distributed.

There has also been distributed today Memorandum accompanying Delegate Proposal No. 410 by Delegate Finch, Memorandum accompanying Delegate Proposal No. 413 by Delegate Finch.

There has also been distributed another reprint from volume 2 of the publications of the Constitutional Convention Commission. This shows in tabular form a comparison of all the provisions of the judiciary article of the present constitution with those of the previous constitutions.

I am not suggesting you read it. It is here for reference. It may save some time in questioning, if you have a question, as to what the previous constitution may have provided in the given area with respect to the judiciary article; you can see it at a glance by referring to this tabulation. I would suggest, therefore, that you keep it in your desk on the floor.

I am very happy to report to you that the Report of the Committee on the Legislative Branch is in the Clerk's Office, LB-2; Report of the Committee on Suffrage and Elections, S&E-2, is in my office, and this means that every committee has today or heretofore filed its principal report, its final report on the principal subjects with which it was concerned.

As I indicated this morning, I have asked the Committee on Suffrage and Elections to defer distribution of its report to give the members further opportunity to polish some of the language and perhaps save time in amendments.

The Committee on General Provisions still has under consideration completed, but not yet in polished form, its report with respect to impeachment, amendments, separation of powers, and provision as to the common law. Each of the committees has under consideration a few tag ends dealing with specific proposals. I have asked each committee not to defer their principal reports in order to complete all of these loose ends.

I will ask the Convention at the appropriate time, on Monday or Tuesday, to permit the filing of these reports, which have been

delayed at my request. The reports are complete, and I think that the committee chairmen, and each of the committees of the Convention, are due a very hearty vote of thanks for their untiring efforts and considerable work at night and considerable pressure from me on the committee chairmen and on their staffs to get all of these reports in on time. When you see them, you will realize that the Convention delegates, chairmen and staff have really been working very, very hard in the past few weeks.

I want to extend my personal thanks and I am sure you do too.

*(Applause.)*

Occasionally there comes into the President's office a letter which I feel impelled to share with you. I received such a letter this morning. I will not read you the entire letter, but it contains a few excerpts that I think are really too precious not to pass on to you. The letter is from the principal of the Hampton School, who was here at the Convention, with a group of her students on November 16. She writes to congratulate the Convention on the work it is doing and to express a tremendous interest which she as an educator and which her students had in the work of the Convention and of the committees.

With her letter she sent a memorandum of perhaps 12 or 15 comments made by several of the students, or 15 of the students, either on their way back to school or the following day. Two of them I think you really ought to hear. One goes on at some length, but concludes with these three sentences: "I was disappointed when we left the general session because I had expected to be there longer. I was surprised to find that they had trouble with the wording of the Constitution."

With this particular group, several of the delegates spent time over lunch hour talking to them about the Convention, and one of the delegates who did this was Delegate Winslow. The comment of one of the students with respect to that was this: "My favorite part of the trip was talking with Dr. Winslow. I thought he was very sincere, as he took his own lunch time to tell us about the Convention. I do not know just how many people would take their lunch to tell us about the Convention, so I gave him a candy bar."

*(Applause.)*

I thought that really should be preserved in the Journal of the Convention.